

# Hughey Jennings Praises Clark Griffith for His Scrappiness and His Real Ability

JENNINGS PAYS A  
FITTING TRIBUTE  
TO CLARK GRIFFITH

Credit for Victory of Last Season and Seasons to Come Are Due "Old Fox."

LAYS STRESS UPON  
MANAGER'S PORTION

Tiger Leader Lauds Climbers' Pilot as Great Developer of Young Players.

By HUGHEY JENNINGS.

One of the greatest slow ball pitchers in his day, winner of the first American League championship with his Chicago White Sox, later a contender in two championship fights with the New York club, the Washington fan should congratulate himself on possessing one of the greatest baseball managers in the game, Clark Griffith. I gladly take this opportunity of expressing my opinion of the Climbers' gritty leader.

If Washington ever leads the bunch across the line, Griffith will deserve the bulk of the credit. Walter Johnson may establish records in the box, Miller on the base and the whole team in the field and at the bat, but back of the victory will be the "Old Fox" and his methods.

Few fans realize just what the strain of a championship struggle is upon the manager of a team in the race. He has to endure the criticism of many who really don't know what they're talking about. He has to listen to the thousand, who have open letters whose words wear and burn to the very marrow. And when the battle is done, the praise generally goes to some great player who might right arm worked under the team in the bench. Every manager knows this. It's nothing new.

Knows Game Thoroughly.

Clark Griffith is a thorough student of the game. Whenever he makes a suggestion, we old-timers know that he has put a lot of thought into it. He doesn't go off half-cocked. He sees to the bottom of every project placed before him and when he finally makes a suggestion, it is a matter of fact that he has thought of it.

As a manager of young players, Griffith ranks with the greats. He has developed many of the best players in the league. In some ways he is better than any other manager. His record of 1912 stands forth as one of the most wonderful in years. Not even knowing by what more than half a dozen of the players turned over to him, he took them in hand and welded them into a splendid fighting machine in less than two months. I tell you, it takes ability to do this.

Griff doesn't like umpires. Neither do I. We have to have them to play the game according to our standards, but umpires are a pesky tribe. To see Griffith go after an umpire makes me grin wide down to my heels. He pulled some great umpire bating in Detroit last summer, one of which will always live in my memory.

Calls in Cashier.

Jean Dubuc was pitching airtight ball and Griffith was hard-put to cope with victory. He had to quit his pitcher in a pinch, Bobby Gibson being banished for talking to Evans, another being sent to the pen. Griffith called in the cashier, and sent Carl Cassin, that mountain of a man, out to right him to warm up. Then Griffith started him, and he was laying the game in order to let Cassin warm up.

Of course, it was up to me to go up to the plate and hurry the game along. I did it, but I had hard work to keep the grin on my face. Griffith was a real mad. His team was right in the middle of its winning streak and he meant to have Cassin ready for the next time when he entered the box. I demanded that Cassin be called in and Griffith opened it.

Finally Evans saw the point and insisted that Cassin be called in. Then that youngster, showing the brains of a more experienced player, suddenly developed a wonderful deafness. He couldn't hear a thing we yelled, but continued wading away. By the time we got him in, he was in good shape and held us even till the Climbers got busy in the ninth and snatched a 3-to-2 victory from under our noses.

Griff's Good Point.

Griff brought out a good point in that discussion he had with me at the plate. He holds that a relieving pitcher sent into a game under such peculiar circumstances is entitled to a complete warming up. I think that is a very good point. With his arm cold, serious injury may be caused. This illustrates two things in Griffith, his scrappiness and his knowledge of the fitness of things. They go to make one of the greatest managers in the history of the game.

Here in Washington Griffith seems as large a figure as the head of the nation. His name is heard on the street just as frequently. He has pulled the city out of the baseball slump and deserves all the good things said of him in his hour of victory.

I know one thing, boys, and I'm telling it here, that Griffith will never quit until he has led his team closer to the pennant honor than he did last year. He may not do it this summer ahead of us, but he'll keep everlasting at it till he does.

Old-Time Sporting  
Writer Passes Away

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 6.—Charles Bentley Power, for twenty-five years identified with professional baseball as player, umpire and league manager and in recent years a sporting writer, died at his home today following a general breakdown. He was fifty-two years old. Power pitched professional ball in the original American Association in 1884 and 1885, was a National League umpire from 1890 to 1899 and 1901 became president of the short-lived American Association on movement. He managed several minor leagues in recent years.

Power played ball with John Tener, now governor of Pennsylvania, and umpired behind Anson, Gavlin and others. He had been a sporting editor of Pittsburgh papers at various times since 1890, and was one of the "war correspondents" who achieved fame in the Homestead strike of 1892.

They'll Soon Have to Build New York Theaters in the Subway

By Goldberg



WAITING WORD FROM  
BOCOCK AT HILL TOP

V. P. I. Coach Can Have Position at Georgetown if He Wishes to Follow Dailey.

Branch Boccock will be named as successor to Vincent Dailey, at Georgetown, if he cares to return from Portland, Ore., and undertake the duties of coaching the Blue and Gray eleven into shape. Some word is expected from him within a day or so. The executive committee decided today to wait word from Boccock, Charlie Cox, and Jimmy Walsh before definite action is taken.

Campbell or Curley To Run From Scratch

Warner Curley or Johnny Campbell is likely to run from scratch in Saturday's ten-mile race of the Memorial A. C. The handicappers took the entry list in hand today, but will not announce their marks until the entries close. More runners are expected to enter today. The following runners will appear: Magee, Swan, Curley, Conrad, Simmons, Ricker, Mahoney, Friedman, Groom, McLeod, Davis, Ricketts, King, Campbell, McCormick, Howard, S. Line, and Keane, of the Memorial A. C. J. Greenburg, Clary, Quade, Thomas, Giovanni, S. Greenburg, J. Kircirner, Nash, and the three judges will be Clark Griffith, manager of the Climbers; Bill Post, sporting editor of the Herald, and Louis A. Lougher, sporting editor of The Times.

Big Squad Answers  
Call for Candidates

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—Candidates for the crew at the University of Pennsylvania reported yesterday. There were seventy-six upper classmen and 106 freshmen among those reporting. Light word was given the candidates, which consisted of a few minutes' work on the water.

Washington Poloists  
Defeat Atlantic City

Another brilliant victory of 3 to 2 for the Washington polo team resulted at the Arcade last night, the five from Atlantic City being unable to cope with the excellent team work of the home team, and Willie Whiting's goal-driving in particular.

Capablanca Wins.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Joe R. Capablanca, of Havana, chess champion of Cuba, and winner of the international "masters" tournament at San Sebastian, after one of the most exciting games ever witnessed here, last night won the American national tournament. His final score was ten games won, two drawn, and one defeat.

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice

As for Renaming the Yanks.

A race by any other name  
Would smell about as sweet.  
I've seen a fellow named "Bing"  
If "Bing" were labeled "Bing,"  
A certain strip of an-  
Or called a "bingle,"  
Or called a "bunt,"  
Would make no bit with me.

If a fellow was known as a coconaut,  
Broad pudding known as a beer,  
I'd call it a "bingle" or a "bunt,"  
Or if they called a five-cent note  
A "quarter" or a "cent,"  
Would that assist the hungry poet  
In grappling with the rent?

Or, in the noble game of golf,  
With "putter" branded "clerk,"  
How many strokes would that knock off?  
Or help to plug the leak?  
A name's a name—and nothing more;  
And, brand of "bingle" or "bunt,"  
The answer's in the full box name  
Or "standing of the Club."

"Only sixty-nine days more," observes an exchange, speaking, we take it, in connection with the first game. By a peculiar, almost weird coincidence, this happens to be also the exact number of days left before J. Evers bumps into his first argument with an umpire or until Ty Cobb gets his first baseball for the year.

Walter J. Travis is going back like Wagner, Mathewson, and several other senile veterans who are no longer fit for anything except to smear the rest of the field.

When Wagner dies, if ever, it will be a mistake to appoint any pitchers upon the list of palleasers. Through force of habit they are likely to drop the casket and make him "walk."

Protecting the Game.

Whether it be boxing, baseball or what not, each clean sport means more to the public at large than to anyone directly connected with the payroll part of the program.

In the same way the public, which foots the freight, can be the greatest force extant in protecting any of its favorite diversions. And that part of the public which, after being stung in some vulnerable spot, insists upon coming back for more, offers a greater and more lasting injury to the game than anyone from the inside could ever produce.

By insisting for a clean, square production and by blacklisting to a finish any establishment which veers from the straight trail, the public can effect the surest reforms to be obtained.

But as long as those who pay the tax insist upon being fall guys and are inclined to forget overnight, they can hardly expect anything but the keen harpoon at every opening.

An empty house is a harder knock than a packed audience there with the jeer or the roar.

A certain N. L. scribe states that Griffith, unable to lift the Reds in the older league, carried Washington into second place in the American.

What does that show? Cleveland and Detroit, A. L. cities, released Daubert and Archer, but this pair is still doing fairly well in the other circuit.

Jim Thorpe may not be the greatest ball player that ever lived, but the earnest second baseman who tries to block him will concede him a certain amount of genius at least. Nor does it require any astute prophet to announce that in the course of a season he may be blocked twice—but not by the same opponent.

The Record Walk.

Old Dock Weston in his day has walked ten thousand miles, crossing countless tracks of land and doubtless many stiles; many others, too, have stalked from Frisco on to Maine, and, turning deftly in their tracks, have walked straight back again;

But this is not the record stroll—the stroll that makes them all look like a seven-second walk across a Harlem ball; He only knows this record jaunt, this leg-producing wrench Who strikes out with the bases full—and starts back for the bench.

And yet, despite all popular belief to the contrary, if President Wilson should decide to hold out and announce that he had quit his job for good, there would be about seven times as much excitement if Cobb, Wagner, Mathewson, and Johnson had retired in bulk.

We suggest that Mr. Pujo and committee hold over until the end of summer to investigate, probe, or delve into Clyde Milan's collection of pilfered bases.

Ty Cobb comes from Georgia; Tr's Speaker from Texas; Joe Jackson from South Carolina; and Clyde Milan from Tennessee. This leaves Alabama and Louisiana to point shamefacedly to their production of cotton and sugar cane.

George Stovall is an unlucky cuss. Just as he manages to wiggle out of eighth place, Frank Chance takes charge of the only club he was able to dislodge. Still, tradition must be maintained.

Tonight's Bowling.

Departmental League—War vs. Agriculture, at Palace alleys.  
National Capital League—Climbers vs. Palace, at Palace alleys.  
Ingram League—White Caps vs. Bull Moose, at Ingram Church alleys.  
Individual tournament, at Palace alleys, 10 p. m.  
Arcade League—Bankers vs. Imperials, at Arcade alleys.  
Termal League—Car Department vs. Bankers.

Alexandria Planning  
Labor Day Regatta

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 6.—Plans were made for an elaborate regatta to be given on the Potomac river, opposite Alexandria, on the afternoon of May 2, at the annual meeting of the Alexandria Motor Boat Club, which was held in its club rooms on Fairfax street last night. Committees were appointed to make the arrangements for the affair and to invite all the Potomac river clubs to participate. The Alexandria Club will be represented by several new boats which the members of the club have under construction. A number of handsome prizes will be offered by the club in addition to the club trophy which will be again contested for.

BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Still in the air.

Matters are still in the air concerning the successor of "Dap" Dettley as supervisor of athletics at the Hilltop. Branch Boccock may have the place, if he wishes. He is practicing law in Oregon and may be unable to come East, but in many ways he is the best fitted of all those named for the position.

A. A. U. all wrong.

In their desire to stem the tide of hostile criticism setting in against them, the A. A. U. officials are striking at the colleges, over which they have little or no control. It is ridiculous for any A. A. U. man to become excited over Johnny Gallagher's leaving Yale for Georgetown and the members of the club have under construction. The laughing stock of the athletic world.

Herrmann misguided.

Garry Herrmann is misguided if he intends to have the National Commission seek a revision of the present amateur rules pertaining to baseball. The commission has no jurisdiction in the matter whatever, as Herrmann will soon discover the moment he suggests anything to Jim Sullivan.

Brooke begins.

George Brooke begins his coaching career at Penn after an absence of seventeen years by addressing the candidates for the eleven on the necessity of keeping in condition all summer. Football is a hard game and injuries generally come to those in poor shape, water advice could not be given to any varsity candidate.

Nurse "sore head."

That Atlantic City polo team which came to Washington claiming the East-

ern championship, is nursing something of a "sore head" today. The work of young Mr. Willie Whiting in scoring all of the points for Washington in last night's game is nothing short of phenomenal, and I am glad to see a local man becoming so proficient in that sport.

Turner vs. Lasalle.

Tomorrow night Joe Turner and Joe Lasalle come together in a wrestling match at the Gayety Theater. If this sport is treated right by the wrestlers they can work here the rest of the season, but if any of that off-color work is shown, the Washington fans are not going to be the "fall-guys." There is a host of wrestling fans in this city and they all know good wrestling from the fake stuff. Now it is up to the wrestlers, they can kill their game here or not, just as they please.

That C. U. win.

Catholic University's victory over Gallaudet by 41 to 27 only goes to emphasize my admonition of several days ago, viz: Look out for those Brooklanders when the South Atlantic selection is made. Gallaudet is by no means a weak team, and they need not feel badly that they have fallen twice before such an aggregation as C. U. The floor work of Horan, of C. U., who basketed ten goals, is especially worthy of commendation.

Tech on List.

FREDERICK, Md., Feb. 6.—Technical High School, of Washington, will play the Hoyt High School here on April 2. The Washington team is the first game on the schedule of the local nine, although a few previous dates are pending.

Tomorrow's Sports

Basketball, Western vs. Eastern, at Y. M. C. A.  
Basketball, Georgetown vs. Trinity, at Arcade.  
Basketball, New York University vs. Columbia.  
Basketball, Wesleyan vs. New Hampshire State, at Middletown.  
Basketball, University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.  
Basketball, University of Pittsburgh at Swarthmore.  
New England State outdoor skating championships, at Boston.

Navy Fencers Defeat  
Harvard, 6 Bouts to 3

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 6.—The fencing team of the Naval Academy won from Harvard yesterday by 6 bouts to 3, making the match certain by victories in the first five bouts. Von Nardoff fenced consistently well for Harvard, defeating Dunn and making his opponent extend himself in his other bouts. Daniel and Aylen both defeated Lingo.

Many Men Are Out.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—A record-breaking squad of candidates for the University of Pennsylvania crews reported yesterday to Ellis Ward. More than a hundred students turned in their names and began work on the machines.

NEW COACH GREET  
PENN FOOTBALLERS

George Brooke Calls Meeting of Candidates and Gives Instructions for Summer.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—Nearly fifty football aspirants of the University of Pennsylvania met Coach George Brooke, of the Red and Blue team, yesterday in the training house, in response to a call issued by the newly elected coach. Capt. Lewis A. Young introduced Coach Brooke, and the large number of players who turned out reflected the renewed interest in football and Penn's present appointment has caused.

Brooke explained his reason for calling the men together was to urge them to start immediately to shape themselves for gridiron work next fall. He also urged the men to keep up the habit of reporting for football to engage in some kind of exercise or athletics for the rest of the winter, as well as the spring months.

"Recalling a statement of 'Mike' Murphy said that Brooke, we can't start soon enough to get ready for football. I, as a coach, can give advice and help, but I can't make a football man out of any one unless he does a whole lot for himself. A man to play football and be a good one, must be rugged or get rugged by good, hard work the year round.

"Get a little exercise every day or get out for one of the long walks now working, and try to do something over the summer vacation that will fit you for football work in the fall. It is impossible for a man who smokes and dies all winter to get into shape in a few weeks of the fall for a hard football season."

Mr. Brooke said he was glad to be back in Old Penn and would do his best to land his aims on the top of the football heap.

"This is our goal from today on," he said, "and I'll help you as much as I can; so will 'Mike' Murphy when he comes back, as will Dr. McKensie."

He also urged the men to keep up their scholastic work, for only by being above par in class could a man be of any value on a football team.

La Salle Here  
With Good Record

Joe Lasalle, the Western middleweight athlete who meets Joe Turner at the Gayety Theater tomorrow night, comes to Washington with a string of victories that reflect a creditable career. Lasalle has been in the wrestling game for a period of two years, and to date has not been seen on a local stage. He was a member of the Oklahoma middleweight, whom Lasalle defeated in a draw for a period of two hours.

Among the middleweight wrestlers that Lasalle has defeated in the period above mentioned are: "Cass" Hagerty, of Kansas City; Charlie Rentow, of Oklahoma; Tom Ryan, of Denver; Frank Burns, of Michigan; Gus Patrick, of Chicago; "Otto" Stutler, the "Cow Boy" of the West; and Charlie Myrtle, of Kansas City.

With a record as indicated by the above, Lasalle's bout with Joe Turner tomorrow should prove one of the fastest and most exciting in the local stage. If Lasalle is successful against Turner, his manager, Jacob Willard, will offer a \$1000 prize to the winner.

HAUGHTON SURE TO  
COACH CRIMSON

Expected to Sign Immediately, Now That His Requirements Have Been Fulfilled.

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—Percy Haughton will again coach the Harvard football eleven. It is confidently predicted by his friends in this city, now that Dartmouth has been dropped from the season's 1913 schedule. He is said to have made his acceptance conditional upon this radical move on the part of Harvard's football authorities.

Haughton is connected with a large banking institution here and can easily afford the necessary time to coach the young gladiators across the river. Paul Withington, former varsity center and champion wrestler and swimmer, is expected to succeed W. F. Garcelon as graduate treasurer. He wishes to pursue his studies in the medical school and cannot spare the time. He is willing to accept the position, providing he may continue his studies, but Dean Briggs is opposed to this.

Holy Cross Seeks  
Dartmouth Contest

HANOVER, N. H., Feb. 6.—Dartmouth's athletic advisers will meet in a few days, and the 1913 football schedule will be announced. Though it has been said that the Green might hold its schedule back as late as possible in the hopes of Harvard's change of policy, this is denied. Dartmouth will seek to work alone without Harvard on its schedule.

Holy Cross is trying to obtain a game with the "Big Green" eleven at Worcester. Not since 1908 has a Dartmouth team gone to Worcester when Holy Cross was in the city. The school is showing the Purple against Yale and Harvard last fall encourages its supporters in the belief that it might make a hard fight with Dartmouth.

"We do not expect any resumption of games with Harvard," says a member of the council, "we are compelled to proceed on the assumption that Harvard does not wish to play with Dartmouth, each being the case, we must try to get along without Harvard."

"It may be true that the majority of Harvard and Dartmouth men, also the public, want the game—want athletic relations generally; but those now in authority at Cambridge are evidently unwilling that this should be so. I should say that there has never been a time when Dartmouth men were more strongly and closely united than at present."

"I do not expect that our football schedule this year will be regarded as altogether satisfactory, but considering that we have had to adapt ourselves to engagements already made among other institutions, we do not anticipate the slightest adverse criticism from any body interested."

Glenn Warner Denies  
He Received Any Money

CARLEISLE, Pa., Feb. 6.—Glenn Warner, coach of the Indian athletes at the Government School here, vehemently denies that he received a fee from the New York club for having Jim Thorpe sign a contract with it. Glenn said he had told the club he had nothing whatever to do with the final decision of the great athlete. "I explained to him," said Warner, "that the peculiar advantages of being with the New York club, but that was after he had told me 'Thank you' for his services. He reasoned out the whole matter for himself, coming to me for advice afterward."

Aloysius Losers.

Aloysius dropped its game to the National Guard basketball team in the annual contest here. The team, which was a marked inaccuracy in their part in casting baskets. Horan was the one exception, this player alone scoring ten goals. From a standpoint of team work Gallaudet excelled.